

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of offering a portable live language interpretation service to a user, the method comprising:

offering the user a card to carry, the card having a predetermined amount of units of live language interpretation service associated with the card, a predetermined amount of units of telephone service associated with the card, and a telephone number to call printed on the card for said language interpretation services;

providing a language interpretation service to the user at the telephone number specified on the card;

deducting one or more units from the predetermined amount of units of live language interpretation service associated with the card based on an amount of units of language interpretation service provided to the user; and

deducting one or more units from the predetermined amount of units of telephone service associated with the card based on an amount of units of telephone service provided to the user for a duration of a telephone call in which the live language interpretation service is provided.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the card is language specific, and the telephone number printed on the card is specific to a certain language.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising requesting, during the telephone call, the user to specify the language for the language interpretation service.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the offering the user the card is effectuated by including the card in a commercial package.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 5 wherein the assurance package is offered prior to departure of a user.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method of offering a portable live language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

having the user use a mobile telephone, the mobile telephone having a predetermined number of units of live language interpretation service, a predetermined number of units of telephone service, and a telephone number to call programmed into the telephone for said language interpretation services;

providing a language interpretation service to the user as programmed into the telephone;

deducting one or more units from the predetermined number of units of live language interpretation service from the mobile telephone based on an amount of units of language interpretation service provided to the user; and

deducting one or more units from the predetermined number of units of telephone service from the mobile telephone based on an amount of units of telephone service provided to the user for a duration of a telephone call in which the live language interpretation service is provided.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of claim 9 wherein the telephone number to call is programmed into the phone and accessed by pressing a single button on the mobile telephone.

Claim 11 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the card is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the mobile telephone is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (cancelled)

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Claim 37 (cancelled)

Claim 38 (cancelled)

Claim 39 (cancelled)

Claim 40 (cancelled)

Claim 41 (cancelled)

Claim 42 (cancelled)

Claim 43 (previously presented): A medium for offering portable live language interpretation service to users, the medium comprising:

a card for a user, the card having a first data set relating to a predetermined number of units of live language interpretation service associated with the card, a second data set related to a predetermined amount of units of telephone service associated with the card, and a telephone number to call on the card for said language interpretation service;

the card having an access data set for providing access to said language interpretation service to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

a computerized system that deducts one or more units from the predetermined amount of units of live language interpretation service associated with the card in the first data set based on an amount of units of language interpretation service provided to the user and deducts one or more units from the predetermined amount of units of telephone service associated with the card in the second data set based on an amount of units of telephone service provided to the user for a duration of a telephone call in which said live language interpretation service is provided.

Claim 44 (cancelled)

Claim 45 (cancelled)

Claim 46 (cancelled)

Claim 47 (cancelled)

Claim 48 (cancelled)

Claim 49 (cancelled)

Claim 50 (cancelled)

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

In the Office Action dated June 1, 2007, the Examiner indicated claims 1-4, 9-14, and 43 to be allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 5-8, 15-42, and 44-50. Applicant does not concede in this patent application that the claims as originally filed are unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner. The amendments made to claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 12-14 in the Response dated April 27, 2007 and the cancellation of claims 5-8, 15-42, and 44-50 have been made only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Applicant also notes that an Information Disclosure Statement has been filed on 10/31/2007. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the Information Disclosure Statement prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Urso et al. (US Patent No. 5,353,335) in view of Davitt et al (US Patent No. 5,392,343). Further, the Examiner rejected claims 15-42 and 44-50 as being unpatentable over D'Urso et al. in view of McGregor et al (US Pub. No. 2001/0000777). As claims 5-8, 15-42, and 44-50 have been cancelled, Applicant submits that these rejections are now moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that all the rejections be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued.